today in Asia are Emperor Hirohito in Japan, General Chiang Kai-Shek in China, Mahatma Gandhi in India, Kemal Pasha in Turkey, and Josef Stalin in Soviet Russia. Worthy to rank with the others in undisputed prestige, brilliancy of intellect, and dominance of personality is the Philippine Commonwealth's exponent of nationalism, President Manuel L. Quezon.

DR. JOSE RIZAL, FILIPINO PATRIOT AND MARTYR [7]

No account of the Philippines, whether of Philippine nationalism or Philippine culture, would be complete without special mention of the life of Dr. Jose Rizal, generally considered the greatest Malayan who has ever lived. A product of his times and of his exceptional opportunities, Rizal has been canonized by the Filipinos as the national hero of the Philippines. As will presently appear, Rizal was in many respects worthy of the adulation of his people.

Jose Rizal-Mercado y Alonzo, known throughout his life as Jose Rizal, was of Malay extraction with strains of Spanish, Chinese, and Japanese blood. He was born in Calamba, Laguna, on June 19, 1861, the son of common people who were tenants on the Friar Lands Estate near Manila. His education was obtained in the Ateneo de Manila of the Jesuits and the University of Santo Tomas of the Dominicans, with post-graduate work in Europe. In his youth he was much influenced by two works by foreign authors, Jagor, *Travels in the Philippines)* and Morga, *Sucesos de las Filipmas* ("Events in the Philippines"). His admiration

for the latter caused him to spend some time editing the work with notes intended to show that the Filipinos had been possessed of considerable culture before the Spanish conquest. While in Europe he prepared and published his novels, "*Noli Me*

[7] Section read by Dr. Austin Craig, outstanding Rizalist and Philippine and Oriental historian. See Austin Craig, *RizaPs Life and Minor Writings* (1927) j *Real's Political Writings* (1933).